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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP TO THE SECRETARY'S TRIP - VENEZUELA

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ROGERS

1. WE HAVE COMPILED THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS RELATING TO VENEZUELA FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE STATEMENTS OF THE SECRETARY DURING HIS RECENT CARACAS VISIT AND ARE NOW ORGANIZING TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON EACH:

(A) CLOSER COOPERATION IN ENERGY RESEARCH: VENEZUELA ACCEPTED THE USG INVITATION TO SEND A TEAM TO THE UNITED STATES TO SURVEY IN DEPTH OUR ENERGY TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH
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(JOINT PRESS RELEASE);

(B) BILATERAL NARCOTICS AGREEMENT: PURSUANT TO DETAILED, MINISTERIAL DISCUSSIONS, AN AGREEMENT IS EXPECTED TO BE SIGNED IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO PROVIDE FOR INTENSIFIED COOPERATIVE EFFORTS TO STEM THE MISUSE AND SMUGGLING OF NARCOTICS (JOINT PRESS RELEASE);

(C) NEW BILATERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING PROGRAMS: THE USG AND GOV AGREED TO UNDERTAKE SUCH PROGRAMS CONSISTING OF A HIGH LEVEL EXCHANGE OF SCHOLARS,

COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS, (BOTH FROM JOINT PRESS RELEASE) AND A PROPOSED USE OF US MATCHING FUNDS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TRAINING FOR LATIN STUDENTS IN US UNIVERSITIES (PRIVATE CONVERSATION). THE SECRETARY VIEWED SUCH A FUND AS A VERY INTERESTING IDEA IN LIGHT OF THE VENEZUELAN AYACUCHO SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM.

(D) LATIN AMERICAN CENTER FOR FOOD RESEARCH: WE SHOULD TRY FOR A FORD FOUNDATION FEASIBILITY STUDY OF CONVERTING THE SAN FELIPE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH STATION INTO SUCH A CENTER UNDER THE INTER-AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP (PRIVATE CONVERSATION).

(E) FMS CREDITS: IN RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT PEREZ' CONCERN OVER DIFFICULTIES PREVENTING THE SIGNING OF AN FMS CREDITS AGREEMENT, THE SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO IT (PRIVATE CONVERSATION).

2. ACTION REQUESTED: I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONS OR CHANGES WHICH POST MAY HAVE FOR THE LIST. I WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR ADVICE, WHERE YOU THINK APPROPRIATE, ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE COMMITMENTS OR IDEAS. FYI: THE SECRETARY IS TESTIFYING TO THE HIRC ON MARCH 4 ABOUT HIS TRIP. WE WILL CABLE YOU HIS STATEMENT TO THE COMMITTEE.

3. ADDITIONALLY, INFORMATIVE COMMENT WOULD BE APPRECIATED ON PROPOSAL VOICED BY GUMERSINDO RODRIGUEZ AT SYMPOSIUM FOR A HEMISPHERIC APPROACH TO THE DEVELOPMENT
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OF ENERGY RESOURCES AND CAPABILITIES. CAN PROPOSAL BE DEFINED IN ANY MORE SPECIFIC TERMS, AND WHAT ARE EMBASSY VIEWS THEREON? KISSINGER

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